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TRANSMISSION BUSINESS LINE

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In reply refer to: TM/OPP-2

To: **Parties Interested In Wind Facility Interconnection for 2006**

The Bonneville Power Administration's Transmission Business Line (TBL) is committed to supporting the development of renewable resources throughout the Pacific Northwest. Wind developers that would like to interconnect their wind project to TBL's transmission system before the end of the 2006 calendar year must work together with TBL to meet the following requirements and timelines for each wind facility:

1. **Wind developers must submit a formal request for interconnection to the TBL transmission system if the wind project is not already in TBL's Generation Interconnection Queue.** Procedures for submitting new interconnection requests, and the Generation Interconnection Queue, are published on TBL's web site. New requests seeking interconnection during 2006 must be submitted to TBL by March 25, 2005.
2. **Wind Developers who are already in the Generation Interconnection Queue must notify TBL in writing of their desire for 2006 Wind Generation Interconnection by March 25, 2005.** Please direct such notifications to the attention of Tony Rodrigues at:

**Bonneville Power Administration
Mail Stop: TM/OPP-2
8100 NE Parkway Drive, Suite 50
Vancouver, WA 98662**

Please also enclose a copy for the attention of Steve Enyeart, Mail Stop: TOC/PPO2-1. TBL does not need further notification from those developers who have already entered into Interconnection Agreements with TBL providing for interconnection during the 2006 construction season.

3. **TBL will offer an Environmental Agreement by April 15, 2005, which wind developers must execute and return by May 13, 2005.** TBL will conduct an environmental review of the interconnection facilities (based on preliminary plans developed by TBL) and the proposed wind project, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). TBL may consider findings and conclusions from environmental reviews conducted at state or county levels at the request of wind developers. TBL will assess the type and amount of federal environmental review necessary and will confirm whether TBL can complete such review by December 2005.
4. **TBL will endeavor to complete an Interconnection Facilities Study within Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) timelines.** All new interconnection requests will be subject to the FERC Order 2003 interconnection process, including its timeline related to interconnection milestones and execution of agreements. Necessary studies may not be completed in time for the 2006 construction season. However, TBL will endeavor to complete the required Interconnection Facilities Study by May 31, 2005. If TBL determines that the project cannot be studied, designed, have necessary materials purchased and be constructed and interconnected by December 31, 2006, TBL may defer interconnection of the project to the 2007 construction season.

5. **TBL will offer a Preliminary Engineering Agreement by May 15, 2005, which wind developers must execute and return by June 15, 2005.** This agreement is for project coordination, preliminary engineering and advance design work necessary to meet milestones before completion of the NEPA process.
6. **A Standard Large Generation Interconnection Agreement (LGIA) executed by TBL and the wind developer is required prior to commencement of construction.** TBL will offer a final LGIA to the developer. The developer must execute the LGIA within 30 days from receipt. The LGIA defined by FERC in Order 2003 includes both construction and interconnection requirements. The LGIA template and TBL's related Business Practices are available at the TBL website.
7. **TBL or the wind developers, as appropriate, must complete land right acquisitions prior to the construction start date.** TBL requires that all appropriate land rights for the interconnection facilities be acquired prior to beginning construction. Unless TBL agrees otherwise, it is the wind developer's responsibility to acquire necessary land rights.

If the above requirements and timelines are met, TBL will schedule projects for interconnection to TBL's transmission system by October 30, 2006. These requirements are applicable to wind generation interconnection requests only, and are independent of the requirement that wind developers also seeking transmission rights from TBL must also submit a transmission service requests for placement in TBL's Transmission Request Queue.

TBL is committed to working with wind developers to complete necessary engineering studies, the NEPA process and required interconnection agreements for wind projects that are currently in the Generation Interconnection Queue for interconnection during the 2006 construction season. TBL is prepared to include additional wind projects if requests are submitted by March 25, 2005, as set forth above. Failure to meet the above requirements and timelines may cause deferral of a project's interconnection until the 2007 construction season or later. Furthermore, in order to assist TBL's planning for the future interconnection needs of wind developers, please indicate if you have any plans for connecting to TBL's transmission system either in 2007 or in 2008.

If you have any questions about the specific requirements or agreements referenced above, please contact me at (360) 619-6014. For any questions concerning the status and scope of Interconnection Facilities Studies, please contact Stephen Enyeart, Customer Service Engineer, at (360) 619-6059. Again, TBL is committed to facilitating the interconnection of wind projects and looks forward to answering any questions that you may have and working with you during the interconnection process.

Sincerely,

/s/ Antony T. Rodrigues, March 7, 2005

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